RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

AND AMENDMENT

Application No.: 10/597,311

Attorney Docket No.: Q96052

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A flexible pipe comprising a member selected from the

group consisting of (a) and (b): (a) a resin layer and a conductive coating layer in this order from

below on an outer surface of a corrugated metal pipe 5 for flowing a fluid and (b) a first resin

layer, a conductive metal layer and a second resin layer in this order from below on an outer

surface of a corrugated metal pipe for flowing a fluid.

2. (original): The flexible pipe according to claim 1, wherein said conductive

coating layer is made of a metal.

3. (previously presented): The flexible pipe according to claim 1, wherein both of

said resin layer and said conductive coating layer cover the entire outer surface of said

corrugated metal pipe.

4. (previously presented): The flexible pipe according to claim 1, wherein said resin

layer covers the entire outer surface of said corrugated metal pipe, and said conductive coating

layer is constituted by at least one metal tape extending along said corrugated metal pipe.

2

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS Attorney Docket No.: Q96052

AND AMENDMENT

Application No.: 10/597,311

5. (previously presented): The flexible pipe according to claim 1, wherein said resin

layer is a conductive layer or an insulating layer.

6. (currently amended): A flexible pipe as claimed in claim 1 comprising a-said first

resin layer, a said conductive metal layer and a said second resin layer in this order from below

on an outer surface of a corrugated metal pipe for flowing a fluid.

7. (original): The flexible pipe according to claim 6, wherein said first and second

resin layers are conductive layers or insulating layers.

8. (previously presented): The flexible pipe according to claim 6, wherein said

metal layer is formed by a metal foil, woven or knit metal wires, a vapor-deposited, conductive

layer, or a metal plating.

9. (previously presented): The flexible pipe according to claim 6, wherein said

metal layer is constituted by at least one metal tape extending along said corrugated metal pipe.

10. (original): The flexible pipe according to claim 7, wherein said conductive resin

layer is formed by a conductive paint.

11. (previously presented): A flexible pipe comprising a corrugated metal pipe for

flowing a fluid, a first insulating resin layer covering the entire outer surface of said corrugated

3

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

AND AMENDMENT

Application No.: 10/597,311

metal pipe, at least one metal tape longitudinally extending on the outer surface of said first

insulating resin layer, and a second insulating resin layer covering the entire outer surface of said

Attorney Docket No.: Q96052

first insulating resin layer via said metal tape, said first and second insulating resin layers being

easily peelable.

12. (original): The flexible pipe according to claim 11, wherein said first and second

insulating resin layers are formed by an extrusion lamination method, and not thermally fused.

13. (previously presented): The flexible pipe according to claim 11, comprising a

parting layer between said first and second insulating resin layers.

4